UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

Plaintiff,

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-11433

DISTRICT JUDGE THOMAS L. LUDINGTON

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARK A. RANDON

Defendants.

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL WITHOUT PREJUDICE

The plaintiff, who is proceeding pro se, has filed a motion for appointment of counsel. "[A]ppointment of counsel in a civil case is . . . a matter within the discretion of the court. It is a privilege and not a right." Childs v. Pellegrin, 822 F.2d 1382, 1384 (6th Cir. 1987)(quoting *United States v. Madden*, 352 F.2d 792, 793 (9th Cir. 1965)); see also Hoggard v. Purkett, 29 F.3d 469, 471 (8th cir. 1994) ("In exercising its discretion, the district court should consider the legal complexity of the case, the factual complexity of the case, and the [plaintiff's] ability to investigate and present his claims, along with any other relevant factors.")

In this case, the interests of justice do not require appointment of counsel at this time. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

> s/Mark A. Randon MARK A. RANDON

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: April 3, 2012

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record on this date, April 3, 2012, by electronic and/or first class U.S. mail.

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